

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, before the heading BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to Japanese patent application No. 2002-219562 filed July 29, 2002.

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 7-14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The upper drywell contains the reactor pressure vessel 1 and the portions of the main steam pipes 4 and the feed water pipes 5 which are disposed in the reactor containment vessel [[1]] 2. A lower drywell 11 is formed below the reactor pressure vessel 1, in the reactor containment vessel 2. A wetwell 22, which includes an annulus suppression pool 12, surrounds the lower drywell 11, under the upper drywell 3.

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 3-11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, since the main-steam-line penetration points 8 and feed-water-line penetration points 20 are arranged in two levels, two support floors are arranged above the drywell floor 30. They are a support floor [[31]] 32 over the main steam pipes 4 and a support floor [[33]] 31 over the feed water pipes 5. Therefore, the required height of the upper drywell 3 cannot be reduced and the volume of the reactor containment vessel 2 cannot be reduced.

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, lines 11-17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In Figure 1, a dot dash line in 0-180-degree direction is a center line (a first axis) of the reactor containment vessel 2 and another dot dash line in 90-270-degree direction is a center line (a second axis) of the reactor ~~pressure vessel 1~~ containment vessel 2. The center of the

reactor pressure vessel 1 is offset in 180-degree direction from the second axis of the reactor containment vessel 2.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 15, line 20, ending on page 16 line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In Figure [[2]] 3, a dot dash line in 0-180-degree direction is a major axis (a first axis) of the reactor containment vessel 2 and another dot dash line in 90-270-degree direction is a minor axis (a second axis) of the reactor containment vessel 2. The center of the reactor pressure vessel 1 is offset in 180-degree direction from the second axis of the reactor containment vessel 2. The span of the inner surface of the reactor containment vessel 2 on the first axis may not be the longest span of the inner surface of the reactor containment vessel 2, if the horizontal cross-sectional shape of the reactor containment vessel 2 is not an ellipse.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 20, line 26, ending on page 21 line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is based upon and claims the benefits of priority from the prior Japanese Patent Applications No. 2002-219562, filed on July 29, 2002; the ~~entire~~ content of which is incorporated herein by reference.